

YEARS 5 AND 6 SPRING TERM CYCLE 1 CURRICULUM STATEMENT



ENGLISH

We shall be studying the National Curriculum in speaking and listening, reading and writing. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. Within the reading strand, our focus will be on non-fiction, paying particular attention to text conventions and structure as well as inference and deduction skills. We will be using the Chattha lesson approach to develop oracy and high level vocabulary as well as to improve children's written skills.

In writing, we shall focus on story writing in preparation for our annual publication of Swinemoor Stories. The children will continue to work on the development of a fluent, cursive style of handwriting. Further skills will be developed in speaking and listening through spring poetry recitation. A useful website for practising skills is BBC Bitesize. Listening to poems would also support our work. It would be helpful for the children to read and listen to short stories. Examples of these can be found on various websites including Radio 2-500 words.

MATHS

We shall be studying the National Curriculum. Arithmetic will be given a high priority along with the application of this. The children will all be taught to mastery level in order to progress. We shall be looking in particular at fractions, decimals and percentages as well as the four operations.

The children will also continue to work on their multiplication tables, using an online resource both at home and at school. Pupils can access TTRockstars at home. A useful website for practising skills is BBC Bitesize.

SCIENCE

We shall be studying the National Curriculum. The main topic will be Electricity and Light with an emphasis on scientific language. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. Our school Meadow will be used for research as much as the season allows.

In Computing we will be using hardware and software to monitor data, alongside our regular focus on E-safety. A useful website for understanding scientific concepts is BBC Bitesize. The school website is available for appropriate E-safety advice.

THE ARTS

In Design and Technology we shall be studying food technology in preparation for our annual Masterchef Competition. We shall continue to use our sketch books to practise drawing, rendering and shading, moving onto paintings of the great outdoors. In Music, we shall be practising composition and notation. We shall also be preparing for our annual Songs from the Shows concert and also for Orange Day.

THE HUMANITIES

We shall be studying The Mayan Civilisation in History, alongside key aspects of physical geography. There are many websites which will help with this topic – use Google or another search engine.

PE

We shall be working on different striking and fielding team games, as well as improving our gymnastics and fitness. There are many fitness videos online, for example, Joe Wicks has produced appropriate ones for children.

RE/ PSHE

In RE we shall be studying Faith In Action, thinking about how people's faith motivates them. In PSHE we shall be reflecting upon Dreams and Goals; and Healthy Me.

TERMLY COMPETITIONS

This term is our annual Story Writing Competition and our annual Masterchef Competition. We will also be holding Swinemoor's Got Talent. Each week, we will continue with our mathematics time question competition. Alongside this is our DoJo reward system. Points are awarded for excellence and effort in any area of school life; prizes are given for each multiple of 150 points.

